

## AN INTERESTING TALK.

SENATOR SHERMAN ON THE SITUATION IN OHIO.

**He Looks for a Compromise Between the  
Republicans and Democrats on the Ap-  
pointment of Officers of the Senate.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 11.—Senator Sherman was in Washington for a short time to-day, but immediately made preparations for his return to Ohio.

In an interview, which appears in the Evening Star, of this city, Senator Sherman makes a number of statements which show that he is greatly interested

in the fight in Ohio, as every answer to the questions of the interviewer is made evidently for careful perusal in that State.

He is quoted as prophesying a decisive victory for the Republicans at the fall elections, and regards the general political outlook as very favorable for the Democrats. A very significant statement in this respect is made, that the Rep-

publican majority in Ohio this fall will be about fifty thousand, a concession that Campbell will pull down the last Republican majority by at least eight thousand.

**A CALAMITY HOWLER.**

When asked if he considered there had been a substantial and continued improvement in business conditions, Sena-

for Sherman said: Times are better than they were. The business conditions have improved over what they have been, but there's no substantial revival, and no promise or return of general prosperity under the present circumstances. In some branches of business there has been material improvement, but the result is not general. The statement is not in line with Senator Sherman's usual long-headed observations upon public matters.

This statement is very evidently made to aid McKinley and Bushnell in Ohio, as McKinley is making his campaign purely upon a calamity platform, and is everywhere throughout Ohio impressing the farmers with the idea that there has been no real improvement in business matters, and that the return of prosperity

Again, when asked if there would be any tinkering with the tariff, Senator

Sherman says: "Something will be done in the direction of increasing tariff revenue. Whatever is done, however, must be done on protective lines, and if there is any tariff legislation it will include a duty on wool." Here again Senator Sherman is talking for an Ohio audience. He knows as well as anybody in the Senate that the one free material item that was not opposed with any force what-

ever was the free wool item. Wherever the other proposition to place such materials as iron and coal on the free list met with the fiercest opposition. There is not one chance in a thousand of placing wool back on the dutiable list, but he is talking for Ohio, where free wool has been cried everywhere as being responsible for all the evils of the troublous times that befall the country. A duty on wool is called for in Ohio, but in very few other

place. McKinley has hammered away at the idea for a year past, and has been demanding the restoration of wool to the dutiable list in all his speeches and published remarks.

THE SENATE OFFICERS.

In conclusion, Senator Sherman says: "We have a strong plurality of the Senate. One vote would give us the organization. We have, however, there

tion, I do not think, will be any struggle over the small offices; I do not think there will be any combinations to get the organization. The most probable thing is a settlement between the Republicans and Democrats by a compromise. I have heard the suggestion that the Republicans should have the Secretaryship and the Democrats retain the Sergeant-at-Arms. I favor that. General Bright is a very good man, and

the Republicans, I think, will be perfectly willing to retain him while they take the secretaryship. In like manner the question of committees will probably be settled."

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**AN EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID.**

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**At Least 600 Cases in Washington—Due to the River Water.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 11.—The Health Officer of Washington says that the epidemic of typhoid-fever exists in this city and that unless sanitary precautions are observed by the inhabitants generally, a serious condition of affairs may be shortly expected.

at least 900 cases are those in the District to-day. In the first four days of this week, eleven deaths from typhoid-fever were reported and he has no doubt that some deaths reported as due to kindred complaints really resulted from typhoid-fever. For the week ending September 25th, there were twenty-one deaths. New York, with seven times the population of Washington, registers a typhoid-fever

The epidemic is attributed to the low stage of the water in the Potomac river which constitutes the city's supply, and the use of well water in families.

The disease is generally distributed in the city, but is more prevalent in the

**A Cigar Firm Assigns.**  
CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 11.—The Roper and Baxter Cigar Company made an assignment in the County Court this morning.

The liabilities are estimated at \$300,000.

The assets exceed that amount by about \$5,000, but they are largely open accounts.

The cause of the failure is said to be the difficulty in making collections, and the general depression in business.

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Population of the States Prisons.

**ALBANY, Oct. 11.**—The population of the State's prisons on October 1st was 2,450, as follows: Sing Sing, 1,357; Auburn, 1,125; Clinton, 197. This is 415 fewer than at the same time last year, the falling off in numbers being attributed to the law passed last winter, permitting judges to sentence convicts for five years or less to a penitentiary, provided it be located in the judicial district in which

the sentence is imposed.

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**WEATHER FORECAST.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 11.—For Virginia: Partly cloudy; possibly local showers, but the rain, if any, will be very light; south winds, shifting to westerly; probably fair Saturday.  
For North Carolina and South Carolina:

**Weather Conditions and General Forecast:** The barometer has fallen in the Southern, Middle, and New England States, and at northern Rocky mountain stations it has risen from the upper lake region southward to New Mexico. It is highest over Kansas and lowest north of Montana. There is a slight depression center near Detroit, attended by changes in the lake region and the

Ohio valley. Rains reported from the southern portions of the South Atlantic and East Gulf States. It is warmer along the Atlantic coast and in the extreme Northwest, and it is cooler in the upper large region, the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri valleys. Generally fair weather will prevail in the Mississippi valley and thence westward, and probably fair weather will continue in

**RANGE OF THERMOMETER.**  
Following was the range of the thermometer at The Times office yesterday:  
9 A. M., 53; 12 M., 67; 3 P. M., 67; 6 P. M., 65; 9 P. M., 62; midnight, 60.  
Average, 62 1-3.

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